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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Procurement of Additional Delta III Cameras.

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph five for approval by the Director of Special Activities.

2. With the loss of a Delta III camera in the U-2 accident and the subsequent loss of another Delta III to OL-20, the Agency assets have been reduced to a quantity of two, a number that is uneconomical to support with technical representatives, maintenance and overhaul, or spares.

3. The Delta III camera has been employed in the past against targets requiring high resolution where wide lateral coverage was not essential. Flight tests conducted with high resolution color material have demonstrated an ability to acquire intelligence information with this system beyond the capabilities of other equipment.

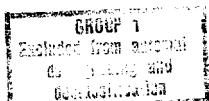
4. The minimum number of Delta III cameras needed to provide a quick reaction capability in Southeast Asia and other potential target areas is four.

5. Recommendation: It is therefore recommended that two additional Delta III cameras be procured as soon as possible in support of the IDEALIST effort.

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